



Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph with markings to show all the changes relative to the previous version of the paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/307,601 to Plesko et al., "AN EXTENSIBLE TYPE SYSTEM FOR REPRESENTING AND CHECKING CONSISTENCY OF PROGRAM COMPONENTS DURING THE PROCESS OF COMPILATION," filed June 27, 2003, with attorney reference number 3382-64707, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/609,275 to Grover et al., "AN INTERMEDIATE REPRESENTATION FOR MULTIPLE EXCEPTION HANDLING MODELS," filed June 26, 2003, with attorney reference number 3382-65591, and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/610,692 to Burger, "GENERATING SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT TOOLS VIA TARGET ARCHITECTURE SPECIFICATION," filed June 30, 2003, with attorney reference number 3382-64708, all of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.